**AISI News and Notes for October 2011**

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| **Item** | **Information** | | **Questions/ Thoughts** |
| **AISI Announcement** | **Cycle 5 has been approved for 3 years: 2012-2015**   * No announcement yet on funding implications | |  |
| **To do before next AISI meeting:** | **Think about**   * How might our school team get input on staff on the QLE [Teachers Matter rep, Student Services rep, AISI rep, admin] * Personal reflections on the QLE – send thoughts to Lissa | |  |
| **PD Opportunities** | | | |
| **Reality Bytes**  A series of up to 7 workshops on teaching and learning for the 21st Century.  More Information: on the CARC website:  [**http://tinyurl.com/3tvmehj**](http://tinyurl.com/3tvmehj) | **Location:** Red Deer College [distance delivery may be considered based on registrants]  **Dates:** First Wednesday of each month [see attachment]. You can attend one or all of the sessions based on your interest in the topic.   * *October 5 - Topic:* ***3Rs x 7Cs = 21st Century Learning*** * *November 2 - Topic:* ***Engaging Students with the integration of Project Based Learning, Multiple Intelligences and Web 2.0 Tools*** * *January 4 - Topic:* ***Using Web 2.0 to teach in the 21st Century: Integrating Digital Tools for Digital Learners*** * *February 1 - Topic :* ***21st Century Learning: Educating the “Whole Brain” Through Interdisciplinary Curriculum*** * *March 7- Topic :* ***21st Century Skills: Assessment in the Digital Classroom*** * *April 4 - Topic:* ***Engaging Students Through Inquiry and Problem-based Learning*** * *May 2 - Topic:* ***Reality Bytes – A Celebration of our Learning***     **Cost:** $25/session or $150 for all sessions | |  |
| **AAC Fall Conference** | **Theme:** Mindful Assessment  **Dates:**   * Leadership Day, October 20; * Main Conference October 21, 22   **Keynotes:** Dennis Shirley & Dylan Wiliam  **Registration Information:** <http://www.aac.ab.ca/> | |  |
| **AISI Conference 2012** | * **Theme:** Engaging Minds: Making the Connections * **Dates:** February 13-14, 2012 * Information about the conference:  <http://education.alberta.ca/admin/aisi/leaders/conferences-and-events/conferences.aspx> | |  |
| **Tools and Resources** | | | |
| **AISI Websites** | * Chinook’s Edge: <http://cesdaisi.wikispaces.com> * Provincial: <http://education.alberta.ca/admin/aisi.aspx> |  | |
| **Research** | **High School:**  Excellent books for looking at high school practices. ***Lissa recommends Westerberg as a first read:***  Westerberg, T. (2009). *Becoming a great high school: 6 strategies and 1 attitude that make a difference*. Alexandria, VA: ASCD.  DiMartino, J., & Clarke, J. (2008). *Personalizing the high school experience for each student*. Alexandria, VA: ASCD.  ~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~  **K-12:**  Universal Design for Learning ~ Providing Multiple Means of Representation: find out more: http://www.udlcenter.org/aboutudl/udlguidelines/principle1 |  | |
| **AAC New Tools** | * <http://www.aac.ab.ca/whats-new.html>   + **New assessment materials** – grades 4-9 and second languages   + **New Unit assessment plans** – 6-9 Social Studies   + **New book** – Scaffolding for Student Success   + **Professional Learning Resource**: Reporting Format: Outcomes based and Holistic (examples and discussion guides) – useful if you are looking at report cards |  | |
| **Details** | | | |
| **Next AISI Meeting** | Tuesday, November 22, 2011  Location: Innisfail Board Room  All meetings are listed on the home page of the AISI wiki: <http://cesdaisi.wikispaces.com/> |  | |